GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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JAGDISHPUR-HALDIA PIPELINE BY GAIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the request of Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) for inviting Expression of Interest (EOI) for 5 new natural gas pipelines in the country including the 876 km. long Jagdishpur-Haldia pipeline;

(b) if so, the details of the agencies who have been awarded these jobs alongwith the progress and the schedule of completion of the jobs; and

(c) the sources of gas to fulfill the requirements of various States including West Bengal, Jharkhand and Bihar, through which the proposed pipeline are supposed to traverse?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): Yes, Sir. Government has issued authorizations to Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) for laying 5 new natural gas pipelines in the country, including the 876 km long Jagdishpur- Haldia pipeline.

(b): The project has to be completed within 36 months from the date of first notification under sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962. The job has not been awarded.

(c): The pipeline will have a provision for bi-directional flow. The sources of gas indicated for the Jagdishpur-Haldia pipeline are Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) import by Petronet LNG Limited and Hazira LNG Limited and indigenous gas, including from the offshore KG basin field.